NOV 1 6 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Infe application of: Chen et al. Application No. 10/016,918

Filed: December 14, 2001 Confirmation No. 3901

For: OUALITY IMPROVEMENT

TECHNIQUES IN AN AUDIO ENCODER

Examiner: Myriam Pierre

Art Unit: 2626

Attorney Reference No. 3382-61344-01

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as being attached or enclosed herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Attorney or Agent for Applicant(s)

Date Mailed November 14, 2006

AMENDMENT

This amendment responds to the Office action dated July 14, 2006. Please reconsider the referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.